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INQUEST IS HELD IN MURDER CASE

Claude Bass Name of Man Murdered Tuesday Night.

Latest Testimony Leads to Belief That Bass Was Assaulted in a House.

A WOMAN'S STRANGE STORY.

The body of Claude Bass, the boy who was murdered at Sixth and Terrell streets Tuesday night, or dragged there after the assault by his murderers, was exhumed yesterday and positively identified by his uncle, G. W. Bass. The body was then buried in Oak Grove cemetery.

This afternoon Coroner Baker is holding the inquest.

Chief Collins says he knows the murderers of the boy, but is not yet able to lay his hands on them. He fears they have escaped.

Considerable evidence is coming to the police every day and the latest proof leads to the original belief that the boy was assaulted in a house near Sixth and Terrell streets. The theory that he was assaulted on the river bank and taken to the spot where he was found unconscious is almost untenable, as the river path winds around a distance of several blocks, and it would be difficult to carry the body there.

Some strange tales of the neighborhood are coming to light, and at least one family, the members of which have talked considerable about the case, has moved away, fearing lest they may be made to suffer for their frankness.

Another woman, who fears to let her name be known, has told Chief of Police James Collins some facts to which she will testify if she is protected.

She said on the night of the murder she heard a quarrel going on in a neighboring house, which she designated. She heard a woman's voice utter an exclamation of hopeless dismay and then a male voice spoke fiercely, while another male voice said: "Help they are killing me."

Afterwards she saw a white man pushing a hand cart past her house in the direction of the place where the body was found.

Body Identified.

Claude Bass is the name of the young man found unconscious and fatally injured in a field near Sixth and Terrell streets last Wednesday morning by negroes passing en route to work. The clothes of the boy were identified Saturday afternoon late and yesterday, when the body was exhumed, the uncle and other relatives positively identified the body, which leaves no doubt as to the identity.

Claude Bass was between 20 and 21 years of age. He lived here until sent to the reform school several years ago for a term of four years. He returned and sought employment in the railroad service. He was on his good behavior. He was last employed on the Big Four road at Grayville, Ill., and when here last week had a great deal of money on him. He was stripped of every cent which bears out the theory of murder for robbery.

Saturday Edward Cohen, who conducts a clothing store at 1531 Broad street, identified the clothes of Bass at the police station. He stated that Tuesday afternoon Bass had come to his store with a lot of money and left a grip in his care. He tried to sell the young man a suit of clothes but he did not buy. Because he tried to sell Bass a suit, Cohen remembered what the boy had on. He identified the garments at the police station. Later G. W. Bass, of 1626 Broad street identified the clothes as also did Miss Mary Bass, his daughter. Mr. Bass is an uncle of the murdered boy. Even the pipe was identified and so strongly did the uncle believe it was his nephew, that he ordered the body exhumed. Identification was complete when the body was seen, and it was buried in Oak Grove yesterday.

Chief Collins Talks.

"Yes, we have positively identified the man and we also know the two boys with him when he was seen in the Barracks by the shanty-boat man," Chief Collins said. "We are handicapped with no men to work on the case. I sent Detective Will Baker to Princeton yesterday after one of the boys, but he failed to get him. We think they have skipped out. They got from Bass, I presume, at least, \$70, as he had this amount

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By the consent of the people of Paducah, The Sun has the largest circulation in the city and county. The average for July was 4132 a day.

GIRL ENDS LIFE; MAN WEAKENS Agreement to Die Follows Parents' Plan to Part Lovers.

Houston, Texas, August 27.—In fulfillment of a suicide agreement, Miss Pearl Baxter, the 20-year-old daughter of a wealthy planter near Archer, Texas, drank poison early this morning and died in agony in the arms of her sweetheart. He was to have ended his life at the same time, but lost courage at the last moment. Miss Baxter's parents opposed her marriage and had planned to take her north tomorrow to break up the attachment. The young couple met in a canebrake near her house with two bottles of carbolic acid. They kissed good-by and lifted the bottles to their lips. The horror on Miss Baxter's face caused the young man to weaken.

NARROW ESCAPE

TWO MEN IN TWO HORSE RIG STRUCK BY TRAIN.

One Horse Is Seriously Hurt and One of the Men Receives Bruises.

Thomas Sullivan and William Threat, of Benton, Marshall county, had a narrow escape from death this morning at 5 o'clock at the Illinois Central crossing on the Benton road. Their vehicle was struck by a train and one horse was badly injured. Threat was bruised.

The two were driving home, seated in a double rig. The horses got about half over the tracks when the men saw a fast approaching freight train. They realized it was too late to drive across and backed the horses off the track and jumped out. Threat tried to hold them but they swung around against the train. They were hurled down and Threat lost his balance, and went to the ground, escaping narrowly from going under the horses. One horse was cut in the hip and bled profusely.

The rig was broken badly and the men borrowed a buggy from Mr. J. T. Youngblood and a horse from Mr. C. Dunn and continued their journey. They will return tonight to take charge of their horses, which were left with Mr. Youngblood.

MORE LIBERTY

FAVORED BY PREMIER STOLYPIN, WHO IS TERRORIZED.

Begs Czar Not to Listen to Reactionary Grand Dukes—Another General Dead.

St. Petersburg, August 27.—Premier Stolypin completely terrorized as the result of the attempt made on his life Saturday by terrorists, when 32 persons were killed and many injured by the explosion of bomb, has advised the czar not to yield to the grand dukes who are urging the appointment of a military dictator. Premier believes to name a dictator now would bring open civil war in Russia.

All Officers Resign.

Berlin, August 27.—The correspondent of the Seplesche Zeitung at St. Petersburg, wires that Governor General Kaulbars and all the principal civil and military officers at Odessa have sent in their resignations. The action was entirely unexpected.

Another Terrorist Victim.

Warsaw, August 27.—Another terrorist victim was added to the long list today, when General Wonslarski, was shot and killed by an unknown man. The assassin escaped.

Twenty-one Indictments.

Chicago, August 27.—Twenty-one indictments were prepared by the United States attorney having in charge the investigation by the federal grand jury into the alleged re-habilitation of the Standard Oil company by railroad companies.

TAKE SUNNY SIDE OF STREET TODAY

Early Morning Crowd Walks Briskly on Broadway.

Temperature Fell When Edge of Storm Struck Paducah on Sunday Evening.

BAD WEATHER ON THE LAKES.

This morning the sunny side of the street which has been neglected so long had something of its cold weather popularity. The good old summer time went out yesterday and the first signs of fall came in with a vengeance.

Coming to work this morning people had coats on and hands in pockets and the step of nearly everyone was springy and energetic from the bracing atmosphere.

The temperature today at 1 o'clock was 76, no higher than the lowest temperature we have had every day for the last ten days. Sunday the highest temperature was 90 and in eighteen hours it had fallen 26 points to 64 this morning.

The cold snap began with the hard rain Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. It probably was the tail end of a severe storm, which swept the great lakes. While it is a little early, it is the advance guard of fall, according to the weather observer.

Storm on the Lake.

Cleveland, Aug. 27.—In a fierce storm, which broke over Lake Erie Sunday night, two boats were lost. The steamer Rhoda Stewart with two barges was caught in a terrific gale. A steamship broke and she was forced to cut off her tow. The Stewart is now beached a half mile from the life saving station. The schooner Agnes Potter burned. The schooner William Crandly foundered off Euclid beach early this morning. Their boats were cast off. It is believed no lives were lost. Nine men were saved in small boats.

Mazatlan in Ruins.

Mexico City, Aug. 27.—A large portion of Mazatlan is in ruins as the result of the most disastrous flood in the history of the port. Twenty days of incessant rain made the whole lower country one vast sea of water. Mazatlan has a population of 9,000. Hundreds are homeless and thousands of acres of land along the coast are submerged. The loss is estimated at millions.

MINERS TO REPRESENT ALASKA.

Republican and Democratic Nominees Defeated by Large Majorities.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 27.—Alaska has elected two miners as her territorial delegates to congress. They defeated the Republican and Democratic nominees in the elections last week by overwhelming majorities. Their election is looked on as Alaska's protest against broken promises by the national government, neglect of her interests and opposition to wealthy corporations. The new delegates are Thomas Cole, elected by 3,331 plurality for the long term, and Frank Kaskey, who received 2,985 majority for the short term. Cole is a native of Wisconsin; is known as "Honest Tom," and has been a miner since 1897. Frank Kaskey is 33 years old, is a Minnesotan and his home is at Nome. He is known as a "trail blazer," which interpreted means a man who accomplishes what he sets out to do.

CARS ARE TIED UP.

By Frisco Strike of Street Car Motormen and Conductors.

San Francisco, Cal., August 27.—With the exception of the California and Geary street line, street railway traffic was suspended today by a strike of conductors and motormen at 5 o'clock this morning. The company made no attempt to run cars and consequently there was no disorder.

Kentucky to the Front.

Washington, Aug. 27.—Chairman Sherman, of the Republican congressional committee, said today he was receiving more \$1 contributions to a campaign fund from Kentucky and Missouri than from any other states in the Union in proportion to their population. New York and Pennsylvania are doing well, too, he said, but Montana and Nevada have not contributed a cent.

NEEDLE PLUNGED INTO HIS BREAST

Boy Takes Wild Ride to Paducah for Relief.

Three Inches of Fine Steel Working Its Way Toward Heart of Massac Youth.

OPERATION AT RIVERSIDE.

With a three-inch needle plunged directly into his left breast over the heart, Aubrey Springer, of Massac, was brought into the city Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock, by his father and friends, who did not spare their horse in the mad race for surgical aid.

They drove up to the Fraternity building and Springer was assisted into Dr. H. P. Sights' office, where he had been directed by a physician in the county. An X-ray examination was made, the broken off needle located, pencil marks made on his breast for guidance in the operation, and the surgeon and patient then went to the Riverside hospital.

Within two and a half hours after the accident occurred, the needle was removed from a cavity directly over and adjacent to the heart, and the young man was out of danger.

Sunday afternoon at 12 o'clock Springer was scuffling with a friend in a room at the Springer home at Massac, a few miles from Paducah. He has been home on a vacation from college. In the lapel of his coat was a long darning needle. In one of their sudden lunges the needle was shoved straight into his left breast and protruding a quarter of an inch broke off, leaving the larger part of the needle in his breast. The reaction of the muscles completely removed the needle from the surface of the skin and from the nature of the pain it caused it was realized that the needle was dangerously near the heart.

A local physician after an examination, advised an immediate operation. With only his trousers and an undershirt on, and not even wearing any shoes, Springer was placed in a buggy and brought to the city.

Dr. H. P. Sights after the X-ray examination had located the needle, which by that time had worked far into the breast, operated and succeeded in removing it. Springer is at the hospital today and will be out in a few days.

It is one of the most unusual operations ever performed at the hospital and it is believed that if prompt action had not been taken the needle might have worked into the heart, causing death.

TO THREE WOMEN

Gallant, but Fat Secretary Gives Up His Seat.

Washington, Aug. 27.—Secretary Taft has found his way into comic papers all over the world as the result of the joke Associate Justice Brewer, of the United States supreme court, told on the rotund secretary of war at the recent Yale commencement. The pleasant of the distinguished jurist, it will be remembered, was based on a compliment he desired to pay to the chivalry of Yale men.

"Yale men everywhere are polite," said Justice Brewer, "but Secretary Taft is the most polite man I ever saw in my life. Why, the other day I was in a street car with him and he got up and gave his seat to three women."

Scores of clippings based on this joke reach the war department every week. It has found its way into many languages, but the Germans seem to appreciate it most. Many of the German papers comment on the story at length and say that at last the Yankees seem to be developing real wit.

IN THE CLOUDS.

Nervy Amateur Aeronaut Is Spending Night.

New York, Aug. 27.—Dr. Julian P. Thomas, the amateur aeronaut, accompanied by his brother, Jefferson Davis Thomas, is spending the night in the clouds. Undaunted by his last experience in the Virvans, when the big balloon had several narrow escapes from destruction in a night flight to Cape Cod, Dr. Thomas set sail this evening from One Hundredth and Thirtieth street gas works to test a new dirigible apparatus composed chiefly of a propeller operated by pedals. The balloon sailed off in a westerly direction over the Jersey hills and when last seen was evidently maneuvering under experiments by Dr. Thomas with the steering gear.

WEATHER:—Fair and cooler tonight. Tuesday fair. The highest temperature reached yesterday was 90 and the lowest today was 64.

INSANE WIFE

Kills Husband and Children and Then Burns Home.

Memphis, Aug. 27.—A special from Piggott, Ark., says: Suddenly becoming insane Mrs. Frank Polsgrove, wife of a well known farmer of the St. Francis neighborhood, last night killed her husband and four-year-old child with an axe and fatally wounded her two other children, a boy of thirteen years and a girl of seven. The demented woman then set fire to the building, the bodies of the man and four-year-old child being cremated. The other two children were found in a field adjoining their home this morning badly mutilated and it is not believed they can live more than a few hours. The mother when apprehended, confessed her crime and begged that she be killed.

BURGLARS

FRIGHTENED AWAY BY SCREAMS OF WOMEN.

Mrs. W. D. Thomas and Daughters Heard Some One at Windows and Called Police.

Burglars visited the residence of Mr. W. D. Thomas, at 1204 Tennessee street this morning, but were frightened away by the inmates before they had gained entrance.

Mrs. Thomas and two daughters were alone. They heard some one trying to break into a side window. They screamed and ran from the house to a neighbor's, where a telephone was found. The police station was notified and Patrolman James Clark hastened to the scene but the prowlers were gone. The women did not see any one.

Exchange Seat \$95,000.

New York, August 27.—The New York Stock Exchange seat sold yesterday for \$95,000 was that of Alfred De Cordova, a retired banker and broker. Mr. De Cordova purchased his seat on February 18, 1875, for \$5,000, and by this sale he has netted \$90,000 in 31 years. Mr. De Cordova retired from the firm of Alfred De Cordova & Co., in 1902, since which time he has devoted his time exclusively to outdoor sports.

REPUBLICANS

WILL HOLD COMMITTEE MEETING AT PRINCETON.

Purpose of Meeting Is to Choose a Candidate to Oppose Ollie James.

A call for a meeting of the Republican executive committee of the First congressional district at Princeton tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock has been issued, and a copy was received in Paducah today.

The purpose of the meeting is to choose a candidate for congress and attend to other matters pertaining to political affairs in the district. McCracken county probably will have a representative.

Duel to Death.

Vienna, Aug. 27.—Two Polish pupils of the Tarnopol college in Cracow the other day killed each other. They had just graduated from school and found college work beyond them the first term. At the end of the term last week their reports were very bad, and the boys, both under 15, were in utter despair. They resolved to die, and, securing revolvers, went to their deserted classroom, and, facing each other as in a duel, clasped their left hands and shot each other with the revolvers in their right.

Amnesty to Rebels.

Havana August 27.—The Cuban government has drawn up an amnesty of 30 days under which those now bearing arms against the government can return peacefully to their homes and will be pardoned. The decisions to issue the document has not yet been reached.

NECK WAS BROKEN WHEN HE TUMBLED

Thomas Crutchfield Lying Beneath Island Creek Bridge

Returning Home After Swearing Out Warrant When His Bicycle Threw Him.

FELL TEN FEET TO DEATH

While returning to his home on Bridge street, Mechanicsburg, Saturday night after having sworn out a warrant for the arrest of James Taylor, charged with assaulting Crutchfield's son, Thomas Crutchfield fell off Island Creek bridge at Sixth street, and broke his neck. His body was found early Sunday morning.

Thomas Crutchfield was 45 years old and a union bricklayer. He was accidentally killed some time between 11 o'clock Saturday night and 5:30 o'clock Sunday morning, within 50 yards of his home. The body was stiff in death when discovered at 5:30 o'clock Sunday morning and from appearances life had been extinct for hours.

Thomas Crutchfield resided just beyond the bridge on Sixth street, and Saturday night was called to town by his son, who said that James Taylor had made threats of cutting his throat. The father went to the police station and swore out a warrant for Taylor's arrest.

Crutchfield left the city hall about 10:30 o'clock, Judge Puryear said. The bicycle tracks show that he was unsteady.

He rode out Sixth street and onto the Island creek bridge. He had made a swerve and run upon a high plank at the south end of the bridge. This evidently unbalanced him and he fell over, a distance of about ten feet. The top of his head shows a bruise and his weight must have been thrown forward.

Sunday morning at 5:30 o'clock Patrolman Clark was going home and noticed a bicycle on the bridge just at the south end. He looked down and saw Crutchfield's body lying in a position of rest. Patrolman Clark thought probably he had gone down the embankment to sleep. An examination showed Crutchfield to be dead.

The coroner was summoned and had the body removed to the Matiffinger undertaking establishment. It was prepared for burial and taken home. The inquest was held yesterday morning.

The verdict was "We, the jury, being duly sworn, find that the body lying before us to be that of Thomas Crutchfield, and that he came to death by accident."

"Signed: Frank Waggoner, J. W. Skelton, L. E. Love, Hermann Ackerman, L. A. Lawler, William Walker."

The unfortunate man worked for William Turk, the contractor, and was a hard-worker. He leaves a wife and seven children. The funeral was held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the residence at Bridge and Sixth streets. The services were conducted by the Rev. Chiles. The burial was in Oak Grove cemetery.

SAGE'S NEPHEW

Claims His Uncle Was Not in Disposing Mind.

Albany, N. Y., Aug. 27.—Claiming that when Russell Sage drew his will he made a private paper in which he told his wife how she should dispose of his millions, and alleging that if the contents of this private paper are found to be as he understands they are, it will prove that Sage was incompetent when he made it, Revel G. Sage, of this city, a grand nephew of Russell Sage, is about to begin action to break the Sage will. His attorneys allege that the Sage directions as provided in the private paper are as ridiculous and improbable as though they were for the establishment of a free airship line across the Atlantic.

TO A PULP

Likens' Head Was Crushed During a Fight on Bridge.

Richmond, Ky., Aug. 27.—While James Likens and Preston Stacy were walking across a trestle last night, they met six negroes seated on a bridge. Trouble arose and in the fight which followed Likens either fell or was knocked from a bridge to the ground 40 feet below. His head was crushed to a pulp. Stacy broke loose from his assailants and saved his life. The negroes escaped.